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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
9 **SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
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11 JEFFREY ANTHONY WOODFORK,
12 Petitioner,
13 v.
14 JAMES TILTON, Secretary, et al.,
15 Respondents.

Civil No. 07cv0666 L (POR)

**ORDER SUA SPONTE SUBSTITUTING
RESPONDENT**

16 Petitioner filed a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. in this Court on April
17 12, 2007. On March 14, 2008, Petitioner submitted a Notice of Change of Address. Accordingly, in
18 order to conform with the requirements of Rule 2(a) of the Rules Governing § 2254 Cases and to avoid
19 changing the Respondent again if Petitioner is transferred to another prison or paroled, the Court hereby
20 sua sponte **ORDERS** the substitution of James Tilton, Secretary of the California Department of
21 Corrections and Rehabilitation, as Respondent in place of "Robert J. Hernandez." *See Ortiz-Sandoval*
22 *v. Gomez*, 81 F.3d 891, 894 (9th Cir. 1996) (stating that the respondent in § 2254 proceedings may be
23 the chief officer in charge of state penal institutions). The Clerk of the Court shall modify the docket
24 to reflect "James Tilton, Secretary" in place of the former respondent.

25 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

26 DATED: March 20, 2008

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LOUISA S PORTER
United States Magistrate Judge